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To HENRY STONECASTLE, *Esq*;

SIR,

AS the History of *private Adventures* frequently gives Pleasure to the *Publick*, I hereby transmit the following, for the Perusal of your Readers; to whom, if it gives any Entertainment, I shall think myself amply rewarded; if not, I'll promise faithfully not to offend them any more.

FRANK TOWNLY was ever (till within these few Months) a very great Libertine; and being a Person of a gay Disposition, acquir'd, among his Acquaintance, the Name of a *careless*, *good-humour'd young Fellow*, being the general Epithets the World bestows on that Part of our Sex who are endued with a tolerable Share of Sense and sprightly Conversation. But it was poor *Frank*'s Misfortune (as indeed that of too many others) to have the Education and Appetites of a Gentleman, without the Estate: So that the many Actions of his Life, which would have appear'd *genteel* in a Person of Figure, by being *his*, entirely lost their Lustre.

He ever entertain'd a great Passion to be esteem'd an *Admirer* of the *Fair Sex*.——In which (tho' as before observ'd, a *Libertine*) he is so very romantic and unfashionable, that he does not in the least regard the Fortune of the Woman he admires; but her Virtue, good Sense, refin'd Behaviour, &c. are the Ornaments he expatiates on. In short, *Frank* can scarcely behave civil to a Beauty of 20,000 l. Fortune, who has nought but *that* to recommend her: and thinks himself happy in the agreeable Conversation of a Woman of Sense, tho' but one Degree above a Chambermaid. Whether or not this Fate of his has ever been detrimental to his Interest I will not pretend to say; or, indeed, if it has, in some minute Articles, I can hardly blame him, since in pursuing it he met with an unexpected Adventure, which has wholly alter'd his irregular Way of Life, and made him, from a profess'd Libertine, become absolutely the Reverse. I shall, without any further Preface, give you a short Narrative of his Conversion, which tho' it may to many appear hardly credible, yet I can ingenuously declare is Matter of Fact.

Some time ago *Frank* paid a Visit to a Relation in the Country, in whose House liv'd the amiable *Fidelia*, a young Lady of extraordinary Vivacity and engaging Behaviour. It happen'd one Evening, while in this Place, the Conduct of young Persons of both Sexes was the Topick of their Conversation; *Fidelia* discours'd on that of the young Gentlemen, in a very entertaining and diverting Manner; and the Ladies were left to *Frank*, who treated them for the most part with great Respect, bestowing no Satire but on those who justly merited it. *Fidelia*, after this *tete a tete* ended, in a jocose and smiling Manner, spoke as follows: 'I fancy, Mr. *Townly*, we may 'carry this Subject on a little further to be serviceable to us both, by writing Instructions each for 'the other, for the future Government of our Lives.' *Frank* readily agreed to the Lady's Proposal, and (coming to Town the next Day) about a Week after receiv'd the following from *Fidelia*.

Before he open'd this Letter he was not a little overjoy'd, thinking the Ice was thereby broke for a very gallant literary Correspondence. He never reflected, that the Want of a Fortune to support him, in the Way of Life he chose to live in, naturally made the whole of his Actions obvious to the View of the World; nor even had a Thought that *Fidelia*'s Intimacy in his Family had caus'd her to be acquainted with his several Failings; but that she fully was, appear'd to him on the Perusal of her Letter, which was verbatim as follows:

Instructions for Mr. FRANCIS TOWNLY.

1. STUDY your Faults and mend them; never think yourself too old to grow good.

2. Go to Church at least once a Week, and as much as possible practice what you hear.

3. Never lye out of your own Lodgings, without Business oblige you.

4. Drink a chearful Glass with a Friend, but not to Excess; for that will lead you into many other Vices.

5. Be not over generous; but keep a Friend in your own Pocket, and you'll always find Friends elsewhere.

6. Frequent not the Company of Women of the Town; for (as Solomon in the 5th Chapter of Proverbs says) *The Lips of a strange Woman drop as a Honey Comb, and her Mouth is smoother than Oil: But her End is bitter as Wormwood, sharp as a two-edged Sword; her Feet go down to Death, her Steps take hold on Hell. Remove thy Way far from her, and come not near the Door of her House, least thou give thine Honour unto others, and thy Years unto the Cruel; and thou mourn at the last, when thy Flesh and thy Body are consumed; and say, why have I hated Instruction, and my Heart despis'd Reproof?* Which that you never may have occasion to say, is, Sir, the sincere Wish of

Your Friend and Servant,

FIDELIA.

Tho' FRANK was at first very much surpriz'd at the Stile of this Billet-deux; yet when he seriously recollected the several Actions of his Life, he resolv'd to govern his future Conduct, pursuant to the Rules laid down by his fair Monitor: And in Consequence of this Resolution he wrote the following Letter; in the first Part whereof he expresses his Thanks for the Favour of her Instructions; in the latter fulfils his Promise, by laying down Rules in return, for her Observation.

To Miss ******.

MADAM,

PERmit me hereby to return you my unfeign'd Thanks for the great Favour you've conferr'd on me, by sending me the Instructions I yesterday receiv'd; and give me Leave to assure you, tho' I have receiv'd much Advice from Friends, and read much more in Authors, yet nothing e'er gave me half the serious Thoughts those few Lines from you have done. I cannot avoid, on this Occasion, giving you the Praise in particular, which Sir *Harry Wildair* does to Women of Virtue in general:

In vain are musty Morals taught in Schools,
By rigid Teachers, and as rigid Rules;
Where Virtue with a frowning Aspect stands,
And frights the Pupil from its rough Commands.
But Woman,
Charming Woman! can true Converts make,
We love the Precepts for the Teacher's Sake:
Virtue in them appears so bright, so gay,
We hear with Transport, and with Pride obey.

FARQUHAR's *Constant Couple*.

When I left *****, I promis'd to send you some Instructions in return, which (as I well know you are an utter Enemy to Compliments) I shall, without further Ceremony, proceed to set down, according to my weak Capacity, as follows:

1. Let me advise you to bear with slight Affronts, in the most decent and genteel Manner, by not taking the least Notice of the Author. Avoid Calumny, nay even Tea-Table Scandal, and never suffer Virtue, in the minutest Circumstance, to be traduced in your Company, without expressing your Resentment: So may you avoid many Impertinencies; for 'tis the distinguish'd Mark of a Coxcomb, to imagine a Woman, who'll patiently hear what is vicious, will, with small Persuasions, follow what is not virtuous.

2. Permit not the Address of any Man, 'till you are fully convinced his Intentions are honourable: I am sensible I need not advise you to shun his Company, immediately after you discover they are not.—If he at first appears a just Lover, and after a dishonest one, so much the worse. Hold no Conversation with him, tho', when repuls'd, he pretends he'll change his vicious Principles, and make a faithful Husband: For a Man, who ever thought it in his Power to make a Woman of Virtue swerve from her Rules, is incapable of making that identical Woman happy. At first, indeed, he may promise fair; but as Sensuality was the only Motive of his Love, that indulg'd, the tender Husband relapses into the former Brute.

3. Encourage not different Suitors; but if more than one offer, put on neither the Air of a Coquette or a Prude. If you find you cannot esteem them, flatter them not with vain Hopes. If you can, discharge all but the Man you propose to make happy, and then, tho' Chance may disappoint you, you'll be valued for your Sincerity.

4. Be sure not to wed below your Circumstances, nor to a Man of immense Wealth, who is covetous; rather than to either of these, to one of an Equality. The first, if he loves you well as Man can do, as there are so many Vicissitudes in Human Affairs, may very probably be render'd incapable to maintain you: And then, Poverty is so known an Enemy to Love, that mutual Harmony is soon by that reduced to mutual Discord. And a miserable Wretch, who rolls in Wealth, frequently after Possession esteems his Consort as his Servant, divorces his Affections from her, and bestows them only on his Treasure.

5. If a Man of singular Virtue, blest with a chearful and agreeable Temper, (tho' his Person may not be altogether so amiable) of Fortune sufficient to despise the common Frowns of the World, should offer his Respect in a decent and becoming Manner, reject him not, but meet his disinterested Passion with a sincere and grateful Return, and render yourself happy in an Alliance with his Virtues.

Happy Man! whoe'er he is,
Ordain'd by Heav'n, to reap the Bliss,
Which Virtue, Truth and solid Sense,
(best Charms of Woman!) can dispense.
When join'd with him, may ev'ry Hour,
Upon your Days new Pleasures shower;
Pleasures, whose Effects may last,
When Youth and Age, and Life are past.

Thus, Madam, at your Commands, you see I've perform'd my Promise, and desire you'd suffer me to subscribe myself

An Admirer of your Virtue,
And grateful,
Humble Servant,
FRANCIS TOWNLY.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

THE whole that I shall observe on the foregoing, is this: As the Number of the *Townly's*, in this Kingdom, is very great, I heartily wish they may look on *Fidelia's* Instructions as wrote for their general Benefit: And may every *Fidelia* view *Townly's*, as calculated for her eparate Interest. This being the sole Motive of my communicating these ptivate Letters to the Publick, I am,

Your constant Reader,
And very humble Servant,
EUGENIO.

P. S. I forgot to insert that my Friend *Townly* has been marry'd many Years.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Stockholm, May 4. Baron Nolcken, the King's first Plenipotentiary at the Congress of Abo, arrived here the 1st Instant, and immediately went to the Palace, where he had a private Audience of his Majesty, and made a Report of the State of the Negotiations at that Congress. According to what is come to the Knowledge of the Publick, the Russian Court, in order to establish a solid Peace with this Kingdom, consents to restore the Grand Dutchy of Finland as far as the River Kymen, reserving to herself all that lyes on the other Side of that River; so that the Kymen and the District of Savolax are to be the Boundaries of the two Crowns: But it is added, that the Russian Plenipotentiaries have intimated that the Empress would make no Difficulty to grant to Sweden certain particular Advantages, such as the Traffick of Corn in Livonia, and some other Articles. Yesterday Baron Nolcken had a Conference with Count Gyllenbourg on this Head, and this Day he had one with the principal Members of the Secret Committee on the same Subject: To-morrow or the next Day he is to set out on his Return to Finland, with full Powers to sign the Preliminary Articles, in Case the Russian Ministers consent to two Clauses which he is charged to demand, and which are to be made an essential Article in the Treaty of Peace.

It is already decided, that if Baron Nolcken meets with fresh Difficulties, and that the Preliminaries cannot be signed, he shall not stay any longer at Abo, but immediately come away with Baron Cedercreutz; after which the Fleet at Carelscroon is to set sail upon a certain Expedition which is still a Secret.

Prague, May 1. The Entry of the Queen our Sovereign was prodigiously magnificent. There were 4000 of the Townsmen under Arms, all dress'd in their Uniform, as the Guards of this City, at their own Expence. The Procession took up about two Hours. It was begun by a Detachment of the Cuirassiers of Caraffa. The Nobility of Bohemia follow'd on Horseback, richly dress'd; then Persons in high Offices, and amongst them three Hungarian Lords magnificently dress'd in their Mode, and their Horse Furniture cover'd with Diamonds. The Queen was in an exceeding rich Coach of State, with the Grand Duke, dress'd in Cloth of Gold seeded with Diamonds. The Grand Duke was dress'd in brown embroider'd with Gold. It is impossible to express the Joy of the People, as it is to describe the gracious Behaviour of her Majesty, who answer'd all the Compliments made her in Latin, in the same Language, with equal Elegance and Propriety.

Vienna May 1. The Royal Commission at Prague has sent hither an Account of the Sums arising from the Seizures and Confiscations of the Estates and Effects of those who have been manifestly wanting in their Duty and Loyalty to the Queen: The whole Amounts to near three Millions of Florins.

According to the last Advices from Hungary, the Bosnians have lately seized upon an Island included in the Territories left to the House of Austria by the Treaty of Belgrade: The Bashaw of that Town, on the Complaints made to him about it, dispatched a Courier to Constantinople, where M. Penckler, the Queen's Resident, likewise made Representations on the same Subject. The Answer our Minister receiv'd was, that the Grand Signor allow'd that this Island belong'd to the Queen, and that the Bosnians had no Right to take Possession of it; but that his Highness could not use forcible Means to drive them out of it, because they are a mutinous People, very hard to be govern'd: That nevertheless, the Queen might take whatever Measures she thought proper to recover that Island, and that the Commandants of the Turkish Fortresses should not give her the least Opposition.—The Porte seems to have perfectly learn'd her Lesson from the Court of Versailles.

Dresden, May 1. As it is not improbable that the War kindled up in Bavaria and the Upper Palatinate may spread further, his Majesty has resolved to march some Troops towards the Frontiers of Voigtland, in order to repel Force with Force, in case any Foreign Troops come into that Country. The regular Troops and the Militia of the Circles are already on their March thither, under the Command of Lieutenant-General Diemar, and a great Quantity of warlike Stores, with a Train of Artillery, will follow them forthwith.

Great Preparations for War are making in Poland. It is said that the Crown Army will be augmented to 40,000 Men.

Dresden, May 6. The Court is gone to Lypsick, and the King has left Orders to send thither immediately any Ministers or Couriers that may arrive from Prague or Vienna. It is again reported, that a Body of our Troops will act in Conjunction with the Austrians, and that it is likely they will be employ'd in the Siege of Egra. A Remittance of 150,000 Ducats has been sent from Lypsick to Prague.

Hamburgh, May 10. They write from Copenhagen, that the Dispatches of a Courier, arriv'd there from London, had given great Pleasure to the Court; and that it was assur'd that the Marriage of the Prince Royal of Denmark with the Princess Louisa of England was concluded.

Ratisbon, May 9. Count Seckendorff, who came back a few Days ago to his Head Quarters from Munich, has since assembled the Imperial Troops, who are now in full March towards Branau, where the General Rendezvous is to be: His Excellency is to open the Campaign forthwith, pursuant to the Plan which has been approv'd by the Emperor.

Marshal Broglio has likewise order'd the French Troops to begin their March; the Count de Saxe is to command a Body of Reserve, destin'd to act against Prince Lobkowitz in the Upper Palatinate.

According to the last Advices from Passau, Count Kevenhuller and Prince Lobkowitz will stand upon the Defensive, until they receive the Reinforcements coming from Hungary, 12,000 of which are actually arriv'd on the Frontiers of Austria.

We flatter ourselves that the Dyet of the Empire will soon sit here again; several Deputies to that Assembly have already sent thither their Equipages.

Francfort, May 12. The Earl of Stair came hither two Days ago, and view'd the Places most convenient for laying Bridges to pass over the Army: A certain Person of this City has engaged to furnish the Timber necessary for that Purpose. His Excellency has sent Notice to the Circle of the Upper Rhine, that he intends to encamp his Troops forthwith, in order to ease the Inhabitants of the open Country; and therefore, that the said Circle must send Commissaries to him the 13th Instant at furthest, to agree about furnishing the Army with Fewel, Forage, &c.

The French occupy all the strong Posts on the Necker, and are fortifying themselves in several other Places: Their Parties make Incursions as far as Oppenheim. A great many Ovens have been built at Worms for their Army: It is thought that they will at least come and meet the English half Way.

The Fire which happen'd at Heilbron on the 7th, consum'd sixty Houses.

Berlin, May 7. It is confidently reported here, that the King and his Britannick Majesty will have a private Interview in order to concert Measures for restoring the Tranquility of the Empire.

Spires, May 12. Marshal Noailles has distributed his Troops in such a Manner that he can assemble them all in a Body in five or six Days. We have receiv'd Advice that the English are preparing to lay a Bridge at Hoechst on the Main, in order to march towards Berg-Straas: As soon as it appears that this is their real Design, Marshal Noailles, pursuant to his Orders, will take the same Route with his Army.

Hague, May 16. Letters from Passau of the 6th Instant say, that Prince Charles of Lorrain having sent over the Inn the greatest Part of the Troops that were on the other Side of that River, Count Seckendorff thought fit to call in the Hessian Detachments and others, that occupied the principal Posts in the Archbishoprick of Saltzburgh. We hear by Letters from Dresden, of the 9th Instant, that there was a sharp Skirmish the 3d between a Body of General Festititz's Hussars and a Detachment of the Garrison of Egra, that went out of the Town in order to bring in some Cart Loads of Wood; and that many of the Hussars were kill'd and wounded.

Utrecht, May 15. Yesterday the King of Great Britain arriv'd here, about Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, lay at M. Pouchoud's, his Agent, and this Morning early proceeded on his Journey to Hanover.

Milan, May 7. By Letters from Swisserland we hear, that they go on briskly with the new Levies, that are to be in the Pay of Great Britain, and serve in the King of Sardinia's Army: That the Grisons have granted his Sardinian Majesty two Regiments, upon Condition of his paying them on the footing of a Lira *per Diem*, Money of Piedmont: That there is a Treaty of Alliance on the Tapis between the Protestant Cantons and the Courts of London and Berlin; and that the Canton of Bern are raising six thousand Men, two thousand of which are to go and reinforce the Garrison of Geneva.

IRELAND.

Limerick, April 24. Yesterday Edmund Ryan was executed here for robbing and running away with the Widow Freeman; a great Riot ensu'd in order to rescue the Prisoner, in which some were kill'd, and several wounded. Forty-five Persons are comm'd here upon this Affair.

Dublin, April 30. Prime Serjeant Ellenerhasset is made a Judge; and Anthony Malone, Esq; succeeds him as Prime Serjeant

The Rev. Mr. John Walsh of Lisburn is made Dean of Conner.

George Simpson, late of Rinneney near Edgeworthstown in the County of Longford, aged 117, died the 19th Instant; his third Wife is still alive, who is 98 Years old: He was Father of Mr. Simpson, late of Church-Street, Merchant, who died in the 83d Year of his Age, in the Year 1740.

Dublin, May 3. Last Thursday died, at his House at Tiremaker in the County of Galway, Hiacinth Darcy, of Kiltolugh, Esq; an old Gentleman of extensive Charity. By his Death an Estate exceeding 1200 l. a Year falls to his eldest Son Patrick Darcy, Esq;

Saturday last died at his House in Molesworth-Fields, Col. Alexander Ross, an old experienc'd Officer, and Commander of a Regiment of Dragoons on this Establishment.

The same Day died, after two Days Illness, Lieutenant Vesey, of Col. Eland's Regiment of Dragoons.

Samuel Bagshaw, Esq; is made a Captain in Col. Whitshed's, and Thomas Carter, Esq; a Captain in Col. Patereau's Regiment of Foot; John King, Lieutenant in the late Col. Ross's Regiment of Dragoons, and George Clarges, Cornet in ditto.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Ardovy, April 5. The Angel Michael, of and for Stetin, from Bourdeaux, was drove ashore at Llanrhustyd in Cardiganshire, the 29th past, laden with 800 Hogsheads of Wine, 50 of Brandy, 6 of Indico, 8 of Prunes, 8 of Mellasses, a Parcel of Coffee, 2 Chests or Boxes of Gold Lace and Stockings. The Captain and Hands were brought on Shore the Day before by a Boat that went out to her. Thirty Tons of the Wine were for the King of Prussia, and some of the Cargo bound for London, as reported.

Extract of a Letter from Cardiganshire, April 8.

A Ship of about 250 Ton was ashore in this Neighbourhood, about 8 Miles West of Aberystwith. She was laden with Wine, Brandy, and other valuable Goods. She had been at Anchor for some time near Cardigan, but it blew so hard, that no Boat could get at her. At last a Boat ventured out, but could not go quite to her; which the Ship's Crew perceiving, they cut the Ship loose to drive Broadside

towards the Boat. The Ship, 'tis ſaid, had ſprung a Leak at Sea, The Men got aſhore ſafe, and the Ship drove before the Wind and Sea ſeveral Miles to the Eaſtward, and came aſhore at a Place call'd Llanrhuſtyd, whether the Crew made all the Speed they could to meet her; but a great Number of the Sons of Belial had got there before them, and had begun with their uſual Trade of Thieving, and there they work'd luſtily, (every one for himſelf) and never left the Place while a Grain of either the Ship or Cargo remain'd.

There you might have ſeen ſeveral Hundreds of Madmen ſtealing all they could lay their Hands on, and killing one another for their Prey. They ſcuttled the Ship in her Side, in order to have the Hogſheads out with more Eaſe; and they ſtole them one from the other, and often ſtav'd the Hogſheads in the Buſtle (out of meer Revenge) before they were got out of the Ship. The ſame Goods were ſtolen ten Times, perhaps, before they came over-board, and likely thirty Times before they went off the Beach, or elſe, at leaſt, all ſpilt about. The Women (old and young) as well as Men, were all ſo beaſtly drunk, they could not at laſt find the Way to their Mouths, inſomuch that ſeveral dy'd upon the Spot.

Pwllheli in Carnarvonſhire, April 22.

This Day were brought hither, and executed on the Common near this Town, John Roberts and Hugh Bedward, two Perſons convicted at the laſt Seſſions held at Carnarvon before Juſtice Martyn, for the barbarous Murder of William Morgan and Edward Halehan, who came with the Maſter, and three other Men, from on board *The Society* of Appledore, Richard Burrell, Maſter, laden with Malt from Cork, for Rotterdam, which founder'd at Sea in a violent Storm on this Coaſt, in January laſt. They all came on Shore in the Night, and the Maſter and three Men, went to procure Lodging and Aſſiſtance, and left theſe two to take care of the Boat, and Things in it. At their Return the Mariners were found murder'd on the Strand at Nigwl Bay, or Hell's Mouth, near Rhuw, about nine Miles from this Place.

Bedward freely ſign'd a Confeſſion before the Juſtice of Peace, and on Oath charg'd Roberts with the Murder of both the Mariners; but afterwards refus'd to give Evidence, and diſown'd what he had ſworn. Roberts being convicted of the Murder, Bedward was tried the next Day, and likewiſe convicted.

It is ſaid that Bedward had been a Speaker among, and Roberts a Follower of, the Methodiſts: But it is very well known that they had, by the Perſuaſion of one of the Methodiſts (a Sect that ſwarms in this Neighbourhood) enter'd into an Engagement not to make any Confeſſion at all. However, it was believ'd by moſt, if not all the People preſent, that the Convicts had been guilty, not only of the Fact for which they ſuffer'd, but of many other enormous Crimes.

It was induſtriouſly given out by the Criminals, and their Friends, that the Sheriff would be hinder'd in the Execution of his Office, by theſe Methodiſts, in his Way to this Place, which is ſixteen Miles from Carnarvon; but there was too great an Appearance of worthy Gentlemen, and others of this County, who readily came to countenance the Sheriff in doing his Duty; that the whole Proceeding was without any Buſtle or Diſorder.

The Bodies being cut down, were hung in Chains at the ſame Place for a publick Example, to deter others from that curſed Greedineſs, too common among People on the Sea Coaſt, in uſurping to themſelves the Property of the Effects of Seafaring Men in Diſtreſs, and from that Barbarity which hath been, and may be the Conſequence of ſuch cruel Acts of Injuſtice of which theſe miſerable Objects are notorious Inſtances.

LONDON.

'Tis ſaid, if ſome new Plans ſhould not ſucceed in *Germany*, within theſe five Weeks, a very conſiderable Draught from every Regiment on the *Britiſh* and *Iriſh Eſtabliſhment* will be immediately ſent abroad.—*By ſuch Reinforcements, who would not think there was a Reſolution made to march to the Gates of* Paris? —— One King of *England* did ſo.

——*Magnis tamen excidit auſis.*

His Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland has order'd the Cloaths of the Grenadiers of the Firſt Regiment of Guards, whereof he is Colonel, to be edg'd with Gold, which will coſt ſeveral Hundred Pounds.

The Lords Juſtices of the Regency have appointed Tueſdays and Thurſdays to meet at the Cockpit, Whitehall, to tranſact the Publick Buſineſs of the Kingdom during the Abſence of his Majeſty. And the Lords of the Treaſury are to ſit to do Buſineſs on Wedneſdays and Fridays.

Mr. Cæſar Hawkins, a Surgeon in Pall-Mall, is appointed Surgeon to his Majeſty's Houſhold, in the room of John Ranby, Eſq; who is appointed one of the Serjeant Surgeons, in the room of Claudius Amyand, Eſq; deceas'd.

Tueſday, at a Court of Aldermen at Guildhall, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor nominated Stephen Dubois, Eſq; Citizen and Lorimer, as a fit and able Perſon to ſerve the Office of Sheriff for the Year enſuing.

On the 1ſt Inſtant Alderman Naſmith of Norwich, was choſen Mayor of the ſaid City, for the Year enſuing. And

Next Day Robert Britiffe, Eſq; the Recorder reſign'd that Office, and on Tueſday Se'nnight his Reſignation was read at an Aſſembly; after which William Brooke, Eſq; late Steward, was unanimouſly choſen Recorder in his room. The Election for a Steward was poſtpon'd.

On Monday the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe appointed twenty-four Officers to inſpect into all Perſons that ſhall ſell Spirituous Liquors contrary to Act of Parliament.

Thurſday Se'nnight Mr. Floyd, an eminent Mancheſter Factor, was married at Wincheſter to Miſs Anne Darking, only Daughter of Mr. Darking, a conſiderable Hop-Planter and Farmer near Wincheſter; a young Lady of fine Accompliſhments with a Fortune of 20,000 l.

On Saturday laſt Mr. Chapman, a Gentleman poſſeſs'd of a very conſiderable Eſtate in Eſſex, was married at Hackney Church to Miſs Andrews of biſhopſgate-Street, a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

On Sunday laſt Mr. Snow, a wealthy Brocade Weaver in Shoreditch, was married at Spitalfields Church to Miſs Sparrow of Gracechurch-Street, an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 5000 l.

Yeſterday Se'nnight died, after a lingering Illneſs, at his Seat at Stoke, near Aldborough in Suffolk, Sir John Williams, Knt. Alderman of Cripplegate-Ward, a Turky Merchant. He was elected Alderman of that Ward, on the Death of Sir William Stewart, Knt. in 1723; ſerv'd the Office of Sheriff with John Barber, Eſq; in 1730; and the High Office of Lord Mayor in 1736. And

Monday Morning laſt a Wardmote was held at Cripplegate Church for the Election of an Alderman in his room, when John Blachford, Eſq; an eminent Refiner in Silver-Street, was choſen without Oppoſition.

A few Days ago died Thomas Iſham, Eſq; next Brother of Sir Edmund Iſham, Bart. Knight of the Shire for the County of Northampton.

On Wedneſday Se'nnight died, at his Houſe in Little Ayliffe-Street, Goodman's-Fields, aged near 90 Years, Mr. Charles Povey, well known for his many Schemes and Projects, particularly the Sun-Fire-Office, the Entertainments ſome Years ago at Belſize near Hampſtead, &c. from the former of which he receiv'd 150 l. per Annum.

A few Days ſince died, at his Seat at Knotesford in Cheſhire, Major Leigh, a Gentleman poſſeſs'd of an Eſtate of 1000 l. per Annum in that County. He was Captain of a Company in the Regiment of Scotch Grays during the time of Queen Anne's Wars in Flanders, where he behav'd with great Bravery and Conduct.

A few Days ſince died at Edinburgh Mr. Archibald Carmichael, Writer to the Signet.

Laſt Week died, at Bolton in Lancaſhire, James Ryley, Eſq; Collector of the Exciſe in that Diviſion.

Tueſday died at Kentiſh-Town, after a few Days Illneſs, Mr. Hoſkins, one of the greateſt Floriſts and Nurſery-Men near London.

A few Days ago died at Dronfield in Derbyſhire, the Rev. Mr. Odell, Vicar of that Place: He was a very agreeable, as well as inſtructive, Companion, a ſincere Friend, and a ſound Preacher; he had Wit unmix'd with Malice, Learning without Oſtentation, and Merit without Preferment equal to it.

The Right Hon. Sir Charles Wager is dangerouſly ill of the Jaundice, at his Houſe near Cheliea.

On Saturday died at Windſor, Mr. Thomas Bell, one of the Choir of that Collegiate Church, one of the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Chapel-Royal, and one of the Choir belonging to Weſtminſter-Abbey.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Peter Weſtminſter have appointed Mr. David Jones to ſucceed Mr. Thomas Bell, as one of the Choir of that Cathedral; and Mr. Richardſon, of the Choir of Windſor, is, by the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of London, Dean of his Majeſty's Chapel-Royal, appointed one of the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Chapel.

Thurſday Se'nnight a Preſentation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. Mr. John Milton to hold the Rectory of St. James in the Town and County of Cheſter.

The Rev. Mr. Robert Eden, P. D. late Fellow of Univerſity-College, Oxon, and Rector of Hydebourn near Wincheſter, (which Living was given to the ſaid College by their noble Benefactor the late Dr. Ratcliffe) is made Archdeacon of Wincheſter, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Brideoak, late Rector of St. Mary's in Southampton, a Living worth 700 l. per Annum, which Dr. Wake, the late Archbiſhop of Canterbury made his Option, and gave it by Will to Mr. Wake, a near Relation to his Grace, who is a Minor.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has preſented the Rev. Lancelot Jackſon, D. D to the Rectory of Willingale Spaine, in the County of Eſſex and Dioceſe of London.

Tueſday a Preſentation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. Mr. William Agar, to hold the Rectory of Southkelſey, St. Mary's, in the County of Lincoln and Dioceſe of the ſame.

The Footmen in France are actually to draw Lots to go into the Army, without any Exception of thoſe in the Service of the Princes of the Blood.

All the Letters from Meſſina, by the laſt Poſt, were there dipp'd in Vinegar, or ſmoak'd, for fear of any Infection.

They write from Saliſbury, that Peter Godfrey, Eſq; being in that part of the Country, a Perſon, by Appearance a Gentleman, fell in Company with him, and they both agreed to go and ſee Stone-Henge; when they came there the pretended Gentleman pull'd out a Piſtol and demanded his Money; whereupon Mr. Godfrey gave him ſix Guineas, which the other told him was not ſufficient for his preſent Neceſſity; that he was a Gentleman of Fortune, but being then on his Travels, deſir'd he would give him all he had; hereupon Mr. Godfrey gave him half a Guinea more, and told him he had only a little Silver to bear his preſent Expence; then the ſuppos'd Gentleman demanded his Name and Place of Abode, ſaying he would repay him in a ſhort Time, with Thanks, for that he was Heir to a very conſiderable Eſtate.

On Saturday Morning Jeffery Clark, of Greenwich, Eſq; was attack'd on Wandſworth Common by two Highwaymen, well mounted, who both preſented their Piſtols at him, and ſwore they would blow his Brains out if he did not deliver his Money without any Reſiſtance; accordingly he gave them ten Guineas, with which they were not ſatisfied, but likewiſe forced his Watch from him, and then made off towards Wimbleton.

On Saturday laſt a Gentleman that had his Horſe ſtolen from him ſome Time ago, walking through Newgate-Street, happen'd to ſee a Man upon his Pack, upon which he claim'd the Horſe, and ſeiz'd the Perſon; but it appearing that the Man had fairly bought and paid for the Horſe, he would not ſurrender him; and being alſo a Man of Reputation it is likely to occaſion a Suit at Law. The Queſtion is, Whether a Horſe publickly ſold, and honeſtly paid for, though not toll'd in a Fair or Market, be not a legal Sale?

On Saturday a Sturgeon weighing 125 lb. which was ſix Foot ſix Inches long, was taken in the River of Thames, near Staines-Bridge, and was brought alive ſaſten'd to a Barge to Whitehall-Stairs, where it was landed, and carried alive to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales at Carlton Houſe.

Tuesday Elizabeth Parker was committed, by Sir John Thompson, Knt. to Wood-Street Compter, for being concern'd with some others in breaking open the House of Mr. Martin, and stealing from thence Money, Plate and Goods to a considerable Value.

Monday two Persons were committed to Bridewell in Southwark for selling Spirituous Liquors contrary to Act of Parliament; which are the first that have been committed upon the present Act.

John Waite, the late Cashire of the Bank of England, is remov'd by Habeas Corpus from the King's Bench Prison to the Fleet, where he now remains confin'd, without the Liberty of the Rules.

Tuesday last a very unhappy Accident happen'd in the Vinegar-Yard belonging to William Clark, Esq; in Gravel-Lane, Southwark; a Servant of Mr. Clark's, going into a Vinegar-Vat that was empty, in order to clean it, before he got down the Ladder the Strength of the Vat overcame him, and he fell into it and was suffocated; a Boy, who held a Candle to light him, crying out for help, a Fellow-Servant came to his Assistance, but before he got down was likewise suffocated. A Caution for Vinegar-makers to keep their Vats open a proper Time before they give Orders for their being clean'd.

Friday Se'nnight 700 lb. Weight of Tea, was seized at Old Brentford, by an Excise-Officer and his Assistants, who carried it to his House at Strand on the Green; but on Saturday Noon eight young Country Fellows, arm'd with Blunderbusses, went to the Officer's House and retook the Prize, then slung their Pieces across their Shoulders and march'd off with it.

On Saturday Morning the Excise Officers seiz'd another Parcel of Tea at Acton, which they carry'd to Old Brentford; but on the Smugglers carrying away the Tea from Strand on the Green, they got 15 Troopers to guard their Seizure from Old Brentford to the Excise Office at New Brentford, where they deposited it for Safety.

Thursday last twenty Tea Canisters full of Gold Dust, besides several Pieces of Gold, were found in the Bottom of the St. Peter and Joseph, Capt. Geary's Prize.

The Marshal, Wallace, from Newcastle, for Lisbon, is taken by a Spanish Privateer, and carried into St. Sebastian's.

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By the Loradore.

7. The Prince of Orange, Francklyn, from Portsmouth for Liston.

The Katherine and Betty, Capt. Martin, from Inverness, was lost off Scarborough in the late Storm and all the Men perish'd,

The Sarah, Capt. Idle, from Liverpool for London, that was taken some time ago by the Spaniards, and carried into Helvoetsluys, is ransom'd for 1500 l.

From the London Gazette.

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